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CONSTITUTIONAL
REFORM.Hongkong Petition to
House of Commons.

The following is the text of the
 Petition prepared by the constitu-
 tional Reform Association for
 public signature and despatch to
 the House of Commons:—

Petition

for a more Representative Form of
 Constitution in Hongkong.

To the Members of the House of
 Commons of Great Britain and Ire-
 land in Parliament assembled.

The Humble Petition of the
 Undersigned Inhabitants of the
 Crown Colony of Hongkong.

Showeth as follows:—

1.—The Colony of Hongkong,
 situated in the China Seas, is one
 of the most valuable and important
 of the Crown Colonies.

2.—It is 80 years since the
 Colony was founded on a barren
 rock, which was then the
 abode of a few fishermen and
 pirates. To-day it is a Colony
 comprising not only the Island of
 Hongkong, but also part of the
 mainland called Kowloon and the
 New Territories, the development
 of which is expanding rapidly.

The population is over 600,000,
 and the Colony had a trade of 212
 million pounds sterling exclusive
 of bullion for the year 1920.
 The Revenue, which is wholly
 derived from internal taxation,
 amounts to about 15 million dol-
 lars annually, of which 20 per
 cent, exclusive of the premia de-
 rived from sales of Crown Land,
 is contributed to the Imperial
 Government for Military purposes.

Hongkong is a free port and is
 one of the biggest shipping ports
 of the world. The total tonnage
 engaged in Foreign Trade that
 entered and cleared during 1920
 was 24,194,022 tons, as compared
 with 13,817,000 tons in Liverpool
 and 13,030,000 tons in London.

It is the centre of enormous
 British interests and is an exten-
 sive distributing centre of British
 trade in South China, with regular
 and frequent steamship connec-
 tions not only with the ports of
 the East and Far East but also
 with the Continents of Europe,
 America, Australia and Africa.

Furthermore, when the Rail-
 road is completed from Canton to
 Hankow there will be direct com-
 munication by rail from Hongkong
 with all parts of China and also
 with all the principal Capitals of
 Europe, thereby increasing the
 Colony's commercial importance.

3.—As a result of the recent
 Great War, in which British sub-
 jects throughout the Empire con-
 tributed their quota in men and
 money, His Majesty's Government
 has decided that the component
 parts of the Empire should have a
 greater voice in the conduct of
 their own local affairs.

We, your Petitioners, ask that
 the same principle may be extended
 to us in Hongkong, inasmuch as
 we accepted our due share of the
 common burden.

It is surely a hardship that a man
 who would have had both the par-
 liamentary and municipal vote if
 he had remained in Great Britain
 should be disfranchised on arrival
 in Hongkong, although by his pre-
 sence here he is furthering Brit-
 ish interests overseas. What
 justification can be offered for
 thus penalizing his enterprise?

4.—Notwithstanding that all
 your Petitioners have a direct in-
 terest in the securing of efficiency
 in the Administration of local
 affairs, all but a small minority of
 your Petitioners have no voice
 whatever in the selection of the
 Members who sit in our sole local
 Legislative body (known as the
 Legislative Council) which, by its
 enactments, controls the liberty
 and property of the inhabitants of
 this Colony; and which, in the
 absence of a Municipal Council, dis-
 charges nearly all the functions
 usually performed by such a body.

At present there are four non-
 Chinese Unofficial Members of
 Council, and two Chinese Unofficial
 Members of Council. Of the
 non-Chinese Members of Council
 two are not elected at all but are
 nominated by the Governor, whilst
 the other two non-Chinese Unofficial
 Members of Council are each
 elected by a very limited con-
 stituency, namely, in one case by
 the Unofficial Justices of the
 Peace (a body appointed by the
 Governor) consisting now of some
 120 persons, and in the other case
 by the Members of the Chamber
 of Commerce, consisting now of
 about 200 persons or firms or com-
 panies.

These constituencies are, in
 fact, even more limited than they

appear to be, as in many cases,
 members belong to both bodies
 and are thereby privileged to have
 two votes. While it is thus ad-
 mitted by those who framed the
 present Constitution that the
 peculiar conditions obtaining in
 Hongkong require that the fran-
 chise should be restricted, your
 Petitioners feel that to restrict it
 to this extent is both unnecessary
 and unjust, seeing that it has the
 effect of depriving the great ma-
 jority of Britons in this Colony of
 any vote for the election of a re-
 presentative on the Legislative
 Council.

5.—Furthermore, the Unofficial
 Members of Council are them-
 selves in a hopeless and perman-
 ent minority on the Legislative
 Council, which consists of 14
 Members, namely, 8 Official Mem-
 bers (including the Governor) and
 6 Unofficial Members.

It is necessary to add that the
 Official Members are not free to
 vote according to their convictions
 but are liable to be deprived of
 their seat on the Council for
 voting contrary to the President's
 instructions. Accordingly, inas-
 much as the Governor or other
 presiding Official absolutely con-
 trols all the Official Votes, the
 Legislative Council, as at present
 constituted, though consisting
 numerically of 14 Members, simply
 carries into effect the individual
 will and judgment of the Governor
 or other presiding Official.

6.—The constitution of such a
 Council must seem strange indeed
 to you who have for so long been
 accustomed to the idea of all
 Members of your House being
 directly responsible to their con-
 stituents for their conduct and
 policy in Parliamentary affairs.

Accordingly your Petitioners
 are seeking your aid in obtaining
 the Reform of the Legislative
 Council in Hongkong in the fol-
 lowing 3 respects, namely:—

1.—The abolition, so far as
 the non-Chinese Unofficial Mem-
 bers of Council are concerned,
 of the principle of Government
 nomination and the substitution
 of popular election thereof.

Your Petitioners submit that
 it is clearly contrary to modern
 principles of representation
 that the Governor should be al-
 lowed to select and nominate,
 on behalf of the Public, persons
 who are intended to represent
 the Public on the Legislative
 Council, and to criticize, and, if
 need be, oppose Government
 measures.

So far as the Chinese Unofficial
 Members of the Council are
 concerned, it is not proposed to
 depart from the present system
 of nomination by the Governor.
 The Chinese, however, have ex-
 pressed the desire (in the event
 of the total number of Unofficial
 Members on the Council being
 increased from 6 to 9 so as to
 create an Unofficial Majority of
 one) to have one additional
 Chinese Member on the Coun-
 cil, so that the same proportion
 of Chinese to non-Chinese
 Unofficial Members of Council as
 exists at present may be pre-
 served, i.e., that one-third of the
 Unofficial Members of Council
 may be Chinese.

It seems desirable to point out
 that, in such a reformed Leg-
 islative Council as is proposed
 of 9 Unofficials to 8 Officials, the
 non-Chinese Unofficial Members
 of Council by themselves would
 be in a minority on the Council,
 and that the only possibility of
 the Government suffering defeat
 on a division in such a reformed
 Council would be by the Govern-
 ment's proposals proving so un-
 acceptable to all classes of the
 community as to weld the Unofficial
 Members into a solid mass
 of opposition. This was not the
 case in the Petition to the House

of Commons of 1894, which asked
 for a British Unofficial
 Majority on the Legislative
 Council.

2.—The adoption, so far as
 the non-Chinese Members of
 Council are concerned, of a
 larger electoral body than exists
 at present, except in the one
 case of the Member for the
 Chamber of Commerce, for the
 reason that that Chamber repre-
 sents the trading and shipping
 interests, which required, and
 are entitled to direct representa-
 tion.

At a Public Meeting, which was
 held at the City Hall on the 9th
 January, 1919, it was suggested
 that a far wider and more repre-
 sentative electorate should be
 constituted, consisting of British
 Subjects on the Jurors' List and
 of those eligible for Jury service
 but exempted by reason of their
 occupations.

The electorate now suggested,
 which is representative of all
 classes of the community and in-
 volves an adequate knowledge of
 the English language, is as fol-
 lows:—

1. British subjects on the Jury List.
2. Certain classes of British subjects who are exempted from serving on the Jury by reason of their occupation, namely:—
 - (i) Government Civil Servants, such as are usually appointed from England.
 - (ii) Members of the Naval and Military Services, provided that they possess an adequate householder or lodger qualification.
 - (iii) Unofficial Members of Council.
 - (iv) Barristers and Solicitors.
 - (v) Medical practitioners.
 - (vi) Dentists in actual practice in the Colony.

(vii) Persons registered under the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908.

(viii) Clergymen of various denominations.

(ix) Schoolmasters and University professors, lecturers and officers.

(x) Superintendents, senior officers and supervisors of the Cable and Telephone Companies.

(xi) Representatives of the Press.

(xii) Former jurors who are above the age-limit for serving on a jury.

3.—The third amendment in the Constitution of the Legislative Council which is being sought for is the establishment of an Unofficial Majority on the Council by increasing the number of Unofficials from 6 to 9 (thus placing the combined British and Chinese Unofficial Members of Council in a majority of one), subject to the introduction of such checks and safeguards as are hereafter referred to.

The arguments in favour of an Unofficial Majority on the Legislative Council are briefly as follows:—

1.—The Public ought to have a controlling voice, by their representatives, in the Legislative Council, which disposes by its legislation of the liberty and property of the inhabitants of this Colony.

2.—Such an Unofficial control over local affairs by means of an Unofficial Majority has been conceded in the case of other Crown Colonies (some of which are of less importance than this Colony), such as Bermuda (which has a Unofficial Majority of 10 to 8).
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CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

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Legislative Council of 3 Officials and 6 Unofficials. Guiana (which has an Unofficial Majority in the Combined Court which deals with taxation and finance), British Honduras (whose former Unofficial minority of 4 to 5 was changed in 1913 to an Unofficial Majority of 7 to 5), Ceylon (which possesses a more heterogeneous population than Hongkong) and was granted an Unofficial Majority of 23 to 11 in 1920), Cyprus (whose Legislative Council consists of the High Commissioner and 6 Official Members and 12 elected Members), Jamaica (which from 1866 till 1895 had an equal number of Official and Unofficial Members, but in the latter year received a Constitution under which the Legislative Council consists of 5 ex-officio Members, 10 nominated members and 14 elected members), and Malta (which, under the Constitution of 1920, was granted an elected Legislative Assembly for dealing with purely local affairs); whilst considerable extensions of local self-government have been recently granted to the inhabitants of India and are contemplated in Egypt and Southern Rhodesia.

In contrast with the above it may be pointed out that in Hongkong:

(1) As early as the year 1845 (see Dr. Eitel's book "Europe in China" at page 221) continuous demands were made by the British Community for adequate representation on the Legislative Council, an equal number of Official and Unofficial Members being then asked for; and

(2) The present excess in numbers of two Official Members over the Unofficial Members on the Legislative Council has existed as far back as the year 1830.—Equally remarkable is the fact that the number of non-Chinese Unofficial Members of Council remains the same as it then was. In the 40 years which have elapsed since then the greatest progress in democracy and self-government has been made in Great Britain and throughout the Empire generally. It seems, therefore, wholly unreasonable that the inhabitants of the loyal and important Colony of Hongkong should be so conspicuously and repeatedly denied the right to manage their own local affairs. Twice in the past 5 years they have been refused any measure of reform either in the number or mode of selection of the Members of the Legislative Council. No reason was given on either occasion for such refusal beyond the bare statement that the Secretary of State was not convinced that any change was desirable.

7.—With regard to external affairs, your Petitioners fully recognise the Imperial position of the Colony, which is at once a Fortress and a Naval Station, and they are not so impractical as to suggest that unrestricted power should be given to any local Legislature or that the Home Government could or should ever give up the paramount Imperial Control over this important Dependency. All that Your Petitioners claim is the customary right of citizens to manage their purely local affairs and to control the raising of taxes and the outlay of expenditure.

At present Your Petitioners are and must continue to be subject to Legislation of the Imperial Parliament, to which all local Legislation is subsidiary. His Majesty the King in Council has full and complete power and authority to make laws for the Colony, and all local Ordinances (corresponding in England to Acts of Parliament) must be approved of and assented to by His Majesty the King, and are subject to disallowance by His Majesty on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Furthermore, in asking for an Unofficial majority on the Legislative Council Your Petitioners are

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

London, July 4.
The failure of the Banque de Chine continues to attract attention. An interpellation will be made in the Chamber, while a question will also be raised in the Senate in regard to certain telegrams said to have sent from the Quai Dorsal to French diplomats in the Far East, and one alleged to have been sent to the British Government, asking for British co-operation to save the bank. Financial circles opine that neither the Government nor Parliament acted with sufficient speed and resolution. M. Painlevé, interviewed, declared that if the Chinese deposits in the Bank are not safeguarded entirely, France will have to give up the Far East Bank. He requested that the benefit of the provisional war regime scheme under the law of July, 1919, providing for a prolongation of the moratorium be extended until the expiration of three years after the ratification of peace. If this be granted the Bank will enjoy a provisional respite, wherein, under the control of a specially appointed administrator, it can continue to carry on business.

BRITISH TRADE OUTLOOK.

London, July 4.
The disposition with regard to the re-opening of the coal mines to-day is a precursor of better times generally. Among the hopeful signs during the week-end were enquiries from most widely scattered British and foreign centres for British coal, and tonnage has been chartered to carry out export orders which, it is hoped, will be substantially handled in a few days after the most pressing home needs are supplied. Commercial circles report greater trade steadiness and the difficulty of reconciling recent high costs of production with current market valuations is gradually being overcome.

THE BIG GLASGOW FIRE.

London, July 3.
The Glasgow fire started at Bowman's stores at the busiest time last night. It spread most rapidly and roared all night long. The customers and assistants safely fled. The whole block reaching to Millar Street, including warehouses, banks and the Corporation libraries, was gutted. Sparks lighted on other buildings, and one was damaged to the extent of twelve thousand pounds. Three firemen were injured and four hundred workers are rendered idle.

MINERS RESUME WORK.

London, July 4.
Reports from the coal fields indicate that the miners generally have resumed work, though only a limited number of coal getters are able to start, owing to the condition of the pits. Ten Derbyshire pits remain closed, owing to the prohibitive cost of restoring them. Three or four thereof may never re-open.

DEATH OF COLONEL DOMINE.

Paris, July 4.
The death is announced of Colonel Domine, the heroic defender of Tuyenquang in 1884, when besieged, with six hundred troops he held out for three months against fifteen thousand of the enemy until relieved. He lost one-third of his garrison, was practically foodless and ammunitionless and had an arm amputated through a bomb.

POST-WAR CLEARING UP.

Paris, June 29.
French and German experts met yesterday to consider practical means of restoring in kind or money to the owners in France the cattle, implements, machinery and other property looted by German soldiery during the war.—Vale.

JAPANESE IN FRANCE.

Paris, June 29.
The Japanese Crown Prince visited Paris University, the rector of which, in an address of welcome, announced the appointment of a committee of professors and prominent citizens to take special care of Japanese students in France.—Vale.

EX-DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH RE-MARRIES.

London, July 4.
Consuelo, ex-Duchess of Marlborough married Lieut. Colonel Louis Balsan, retired French officer, at a registry office in the Strand, London. A religious ceremony was held subsequently at the Chapel Royal, Savoy. The American Ambassador and General Cornelius Vanderbilt were among the witnesses.

BELGIAN ROYALTIES IN ENGLAND.

London, July 4.
Their Belgian Majesties arrived at Dover to-day and were welcomed by the Prince of Wales.

FAMOUS CRICKETER'S SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

London, July 4.
The operation on Hobbs has been successful. His condition is satisfactory.

OBITUARY.

London, July 4.
Doctor Corfe, ex-Bishop of Korea, has died in Paris.

willing that the same should be given subject to safeguards similar to those in the recently granted Constitution of Ceylon, by which, to put the matter shortly, the Governor possesses a right of veto in certain cases (subject to his reporting forthwith to the Secretary of State for the Colonies).

To sum up, Your Petitioners are asking for:

1.—The right to elect all the non-Chinese Members on Inhabitants of this Colony, the Legislative Council.

2.—The constitution of a wider electoral body than exists at present for the purpose of such election.

3.—An Unofficial Majority of one, subject to the above very ample safeguards, on the Legislative Council.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray for the assistance of the Members of your Honourable House in obtaining for them the above amendments of the Constitution of this Colony, which were again demanded at a Public Meeting held on the 11th May, 1921, for the purpose of securing to the non-Chinese Members of this Colony the aforesaid right and privileges of the Legislative Council, and local affairs. And Your Petitioners will ever Pray, etc.

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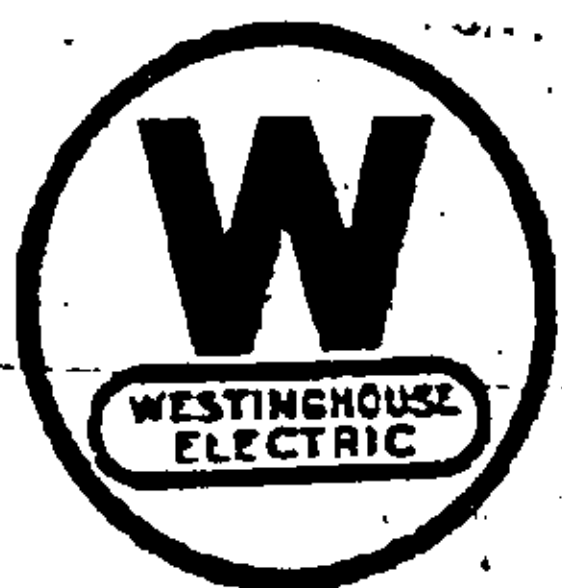
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In spite of a heavy field, play was fast, the batting of Scott and all around playing of White being the outstanding features. Pace and Brown both pitched well. Brown's only weakness being in the last inning, when he was touched up for 6 hits.

The game was played on the Hongkong Football Club Ground through the courtesy of the Club and the Department of Public Works. On next Saturday afternoon a picked team will meet the strong aggregation of ball tossers from the U. S. Destroyer "Rizal" on the same field and an interesting contest is expected.

Several games with local Japanese teams are being arranged and judging from the play yesterday, local fans are assured of some good Baseball this season.

The Box score follows:—

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Apple, c	4	2	3	9	1	1	1
Brown, p	4	0	0	0	3	1	0
Lake, lb	2	2	2	10	2	0	0
Dougherty, 2b	4	1	0	1	2	0	0
Eppstein, 3b	4	1	1	2	1	0	0
McLaurie, ss	4	2	2	2	5	0	0
Thorpe, lf	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Kroll, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mariuz, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Higgins, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
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Scott, c 4 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 0 |

Pace, p 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |

Conrad, lb 3 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 |

Lasber, 2b 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 |

Fetterly, 3b 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

White, ss 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

Buckberrough, lf 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Isigig, cf 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Neeson, rf 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 || | 34 | 10 | 13 | 27 | 17 | 3 |

Score by innings.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Total

Runkey Punks 5 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 — 9

Summary: 2 base hits, Neeson.

Scott 2 Isigig, Conrad, Appel.

Lake, Home run, McLaurie.

Struck out by Brown, 5, by Pace

6, Umpire, Dr. Urquhardt. Time

of Game 2 hours 15 minutes.

WORKHOUSE INMATE'S £100.

A woman who died in Kings-

bridge (Devon) Workhouse was

found to have been possessed of

£100 in gold and debenture stock.

RICE GUILDS AND THE SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

Better Hopes of a Settlement.

Shanghai, June 30.

Although no definite settlement has been arrived at in connection with the rice shop dispute at Shanghai, the situation is less strained than during the past few days, and there appears a better prospect of good sense prevailing in the interest of an amicable settlement. As was foreshadowed, the extreme measure of closing the rice shops is not now altogether in favour. An earlier realisation of the fact that the Council's proposal is neither harsh nor discriminating would have prevented much of the present misunderstanding and there are welcome signs that this fact is now being appreciated at its proper value. It is also being recognized that the new regulation will apply to all within the Settlement, without exception, and that those who remain in the Settlement must obey the regulations, whatever they may be.

The Municipal Council maintains a firm attitude, insisting on the licensing measure as a means of enabling it to ascertain the stocks of rice available at any time.

The chairmen of two important rice hongs interviewed the Secretary of the Council, and the matter was also discussed at a meeting of the Council. Whilst no definite announcement can yet be made it would seem that more sensible counsels are likely to prevail and that an understanding may be arrived at in the course of a few days. The rice hongs are now doing their best to persuade shopkeepers to abandon the attitude that they will not submit to any form of control.

Y.M.C.A. CELEBRATION AT ST. PAUL'S.

Eversons at St. Paul's, marked a special celebration of the centenary of the founder of the Y.M.C.A. (Sir George Williams). It also marked the 7th anniversary of the association.

ASSISTED AT 6,000 WEDDINGS.

Mr. George Dams, second oldest parish clerk in England in point of service, has completed his 36th year of office at the Parish Church (the "Crooked Spire"), Chesterfield. He has assisted at 15,000 baptisms and 6,000 weddings.

PASTOR DECLINES HAMPSHIRE CALL.

Dr. Arthur Fowler, of North Orpington, New Jersey, U.S.A., has declined the call to the pastorate of the Hampshire Free Church.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Rochester's new bells have just been rehung in the third oldest bishopric in England. There have been four Rochester cathedrals, and the present edifice has for many years bordered on a chronic state of disrepair. But for all its antiquity, the place is haunted by its most modern ghost, to the exclusion of much archaeological interest. Visitors listen to appeals for the restoration fund made, not so much on the strength of sacred and archaeological associations, but on the public interest in a modern, secular person who never lived except in imagination—Edwin Drood.

There are many opinions as to what constitutes optimism at its highest point; no doubt readers have heard most of the prize instances. But it may be questioned if the list contains a more deserving competitor for top place than the case of the resident of a South-West London suburb who is pulling down strawberry beds on an allotment bounded on one side by the main road and on the other by an infant school!

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Increase of Capital.

We are informed that the Board of Directors of the above Company are taking steps with a view to increasing the capital of the Company from \$1,000,000, to \$2,500,000.

The present capital of the Company is \$1,000,000, in 20,000 shares of \$50 each. Such shares will be split into 100,000 shares of \$10 per share. This capital will be increased by the issue of 150,000 additional shares of \$10 each. Of such additional shares, 100,000 will be offered to the present shareholders as bonus shares at the ratio of share per share by capitalising \$1,000,000 from the Company's reserves. The balance of 50,000 shares will be issued at such time or times as the Company's Board of Directors may deem advisable.

WOMAN'S FALL AT 96.

While walking in her garden Mrs. Phoebe Thorn 96, of Tufnell Park-road, London, slipped and fell, fracturing her thigh. She has since died in hospital.

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TH. KRING.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 30, 1921.

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M. E. F. AIREY,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 30, 1921.

BISHOP'S EXPENSES IN DISCIPLINE CASE.

Half of the heavy expenses incurred by the Bishop of Chelmsford in connection with proceedings in the case of the vicar of Little Ilford, who was suspended recently, have been subscribed by laymen.

A rule permitting payment from its funds of future expenses incurred under the Clergy Discipline Act was added to the articles of the Essex Diocese.

Finances.

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All broken, chafed and damaged
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examined on the 9th July,
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SHIPPING NEWS.

THE ADOPTION OF OIL.

Circumstances, says the oil ex-

port of the Merchant Shipping

Review, appear to be working

with an inevitableness which it is

impossible to disregard towards

the substitution of oil for coal.

The adoption of oil is merely a

policy of salvation. This is due

not only to the material difficulty

of securing adequate supplies of

coal, but to the fact that the econ-

omies capable of being effected by

the use of the alternative fuel are

more essential and vital to the

conditions of the present than at

any period of the industrial his-

tory of the nation. The last ten

years or so, when one takes a

survey of the matter, appear to

have been ones of definite prepa-

ration for the great reversal of

policy. Even Nature seems

unconsciously to have contributed

her share in the direction of pro-

viding vast quantities of oil

essentially as a fuel character.

All the great discoveries of oil

deposits in recent years have been

of a heavy grade of petroleum,

which have yielded a large pro-

portion of fuel oil. The one point

on which shipowners have any

doubt is that of continued and

adequate supplies. There were

prophets who foretold the early

exhaustion of the coal supplies

of the world; there are prophets

who cry aloud the coming restric-

tion of oil supplies. Yet taking

the whole earth over, the oilfields

now in production form a small

proportion of the earth's capabili-

ties in this respect. Asked to

give a reason for this unbelief in

the continuance of oil supplies,

one finds that the doubter has no

argument available. Ask a man

who has studied this aspect of

the subject closely, and he will

point to very large areas known

to be oil-producing which are as

yet untouched. At the same

time, the existing producing

fields are expanding their output,

and extending their boundaries.

LIVERPOOL WATER CHARGES.

Liverpool shipowners have

gained their point in regard to

the charges levied upon shipping

by the Liverpool Corporation for

the water they supply. Sir Nor-

man Hill, who gave evidence

upon the subject before a Com-

mittee of the House of Lords

stated that up to 1910 the Cor-

poration had made a profit of

£300,000 on water supplied to

shipping. The present water-rate

for shipping is £4. 9d. per 1,000

gallons, or 4.3 times the trade

charge. In 1910 it was five times

as the trade charge. The Commit-

tee decided to insert in the Bill

the amendment asked for by the

Liverpool Steamship Owners' As-

sociation limiting the charge for

water supplied to shipping to

115 per cent. more than the water

supplied for trading purposes.

THE S. S. CELESTIAL.

Cable advices have been received

by the Robert Dollar Co. to

the effect that the str. Celestial,

built at the Kiangnan Dockyard

for the U. S. Shipping Board,

arrived at San Francisco on the

19th instant. Following is the

cable: "Celestial arrived 19th

instant. Speed 11.97 knots.

Everything in good order. Crew

returning 23th instant." Considering

that the vessel sailed from

Woosung at 6 p.m. on June 1,

this is an excellent performance, as

it beats the time of her sisterships,

the Mandarin, by two full days.

The Robert Dollar Co. are agents

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ineering Works, and have operated

these vessels for the Dockyard.

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THE DEAN'S SECRET.

How The Gloom is Put in
"Gloomy."Lecturing on "Reading—a
Virtue or Vice?" at, somewhat
inappropriately, Stationers' Hall,
Dean Ige announced that news-
paper reading was a bad habit.He didn't do it (at least, not
much), and the less others read
them (the newspapers) the better
for them (the readers).The average man, the Dean has
discovered, spends hours a day
reading ephemeral trash, which
could not be of any good at all.He, personally, stuck to the
novel. Not that the Dean reads
Evelyn M. Dell or E. Phillips
Oppenheim. By novel he meant
the old English novel. Hethought, he said, that the glorious
traditions of Scott, Dickens, and
Thackeray should be kept up.He was sorry, he added, to see
that some of our novelists were
obviously copying the French
and Russian novelists. That was
foreign to the genius of our race.

HOW TO READ.

Another part of the Dean's
lectures instructed the audience
how properly to read. People
read a great deal too quickly, he
thought, and for that reason he
advocated reading aloud. Thehighest compliment one could
pay a book was to read it, shut it
up, and think about it. Thehabit of taking notes while read-
ing he commended, while the
keeping of a commonplace book
was useful.One ought to read not only in
one's own language, but in other
languages, also. He did not how-
ever, disparage the reading of
translations.The Dean went on to say that
in quite modern times the reading
habit had taken possession of us,
with the result that we had come
to be a nation of readers rather
than of hearers.

READING RELIGION.

That was one of the reasons
why people did not go to church
as they formerly did; they pre-
ferred to take their spiritual and
intellectual nourishment through
the eye rather than through the

ear.

The reading habit had displac-
ed the habit of listening. The
Dean quoted the case of a work-
ing man who attended a lecture,
and when he was offered a pencil
and paper, touched his forehead

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1921.

THE RENTS' BILL AND CHINESE.

Regarding the discussion which took place at the meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on Saturday anent the Government's Rents Restriction Bill one has to bear in mind that the majority of the members of that body are landlords. The criticisms offered were on behalf of interested parties and one cannot, therefore, give them the same value as if they had been made by impartial merchants. It is of value always to have both sides of a case given, but the fact should not be lost sight of that it was the landlord's defence that was being presented. What the Chinese generally think can be best gauged by what has appeared in the local vernacular press and we understand that there has been nothing but praise for the Government so far.

In conversation with a Chinese resident of long standing yesterday we were told that the measure has been hailed with the greatest of satisfaction by fully ninety per cent of the native population—by the people who have most keenly felt the upward rise in the cost of housing. He was of opinion that those few merchants of the Chamber of Commerce who are not landlords would not be very willing to disagree with their fellow members and he was of opinion that the Committee of ten which had been appointed by the Chamber would not be able to present an impartial report on the justice of the measure. If the opinion of the general Chinese commercial community were wanted the best way of ascertaining that would be by calling meetings of the various District Commercial and Industrial Guilds, of which there are about twelve. Merchants and traders who come from the same districts form themselves into Guilds and it is the opinion of these men which would be most valuable to the Government. There are possibly some small tradesmen who have not joined the guilds referred to and it might be an even better procedure for the various trade guilds (which must be distinguished from the district guilds) to hold meetings on their own account and submit reports to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs so that he could forward them to the proper quarter. Since Saturday's meeting there has been fairly general apprehension on the part of many Chinese lest the Government should take the report of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce as representing the main Chinese opinion. The Chinese resident with whom we chatted pointed out that the Government had befriended landlords long enough and it was time the tenant was given a little consideration.

There can be no shadow of doubt that the Bill has raised the thankful hopes of many and it is to be trusted that the Government will not allow of its serious modification. If it is shown that landlords, in some instances, will suffer hardship or unwarranted loss then by all means let the Bill be amended to meet the objections. But as all government should proceed on the lines of the greatest good for the greatest number, we should like to echo what the native press is saying and plead for the retention of the essential features of the Bill. If the Government shows courage in putting this proposal through, then it will have earned the thanks of many thousands.

NOTES & COMMENTS.**Cui Bono?**

Further information concerning the report emanating from Reval as to the alleged arrest of all Japanese in Russia except Communists will be awaited with curiosity. At the moment the situation does not seem to call for a stronger sentiment. "This step," says the cable in its somewhat involved phraseology, "is regarded as the formal recognition of the existence of a state of war between Japan and Russia." The wording suggests a technical condition of war rather than a plan for active hostilities, but in either case, why? Regarding a passive state of war, with cessation of diplomatic relations, something very like this already prevails. So far as there may be any grain of authenticity in the report, it is presumably a repercussion of recent events in the Far East, particularly the anti-Bolshevik coup at Vladivostok, which is said to have been effected with Japanese connivance. But it is difficult to believe that the Soviet seriously contemplates waging war upon Japan, even with the aid of the Far Eastern Republic. Both Moscow and China have been making strenuous attempts to conclude commercial treaties with Nippon, an offer being made to cede, or retrocede, Saghalien as an inducement to resume trade.

A Pot-Pourri of Sport.

The week-end was of more than ordinary note from the sporting standpoint. In respect of widespread interest, the boxing contest would no doubt take first place. Since Carpenter knocked out Beckett in the first round at the end of 1919, a match between the Frenchman and Dempsey has been on the "tip." After all manner of doubts the encounter has now taken place, and, as is so often the case with long-anticipated events, the result proved comparatively disappointing. Dempsey not only won, but had things pretty much his own way. Going by the reports, a reader might jump to the conclusion that Carpenter was a greatly over-rated boxer. Such a surmise would be unfair. Carpenter, it is practically certain, is the best man at his weight in the world. His poundage, about 12 st. 4 lbs., brings him well within the division below the heavy-weight. In a number of cases he has met and defeated heavy weights, notably Wells and Beckett. In those cases he could well afford to give away the weight. The position is different where the boxer with the weight advantage is a world's champion. Much the same kind of thing was seen in the Burns-Johnson encounter. Burns, a man of about the Frenchman's avoirdupois, had been carrying all before him, so that tales were spread concerning his "hypnotic eye," as was the case with Carpenter also. Then came along Johnson, not a big man of the moderate kind that a tip-top boxer can give weight to with ease, but a big man with all the ingredients of the pugilist; and the smaller man had to take second place.

The Tennis Superman.

Besides boxing, there were happenings of first-class importance in the cricket, tennis, and rowing departments. The manner in which the Australians opened the third Test match goes to confirm the adage that nothing succeeds like success. There was a surprise, not to say a sensation, in the world's tennis tourney, for "Big Bill" Tilden, the superman of the game, came near to having this laurels dimmed. The South African, Norton, not only won the first two sets, and won them well, but in the fifth and deciding set ran his formidable rival to a tight game until nerves were proved his undoing. For the renowned American it must be said that, although he did not excel in this instance, the way he pulled the match out of the fire added another feather to the big collection that adorns his cap. At Henley a competitor from Holland carried off the Diamond Sculls from the Londoner, Beresford, and the Christiania eight carried away the Thames Challenge Cup, so that, taking things all round, the Old Country did not have exactly a brilliant time. Presumably the amateur athletic champion, ships were also staged on the 2nd inst., in accordance with the custom of holding them on the first Saturday in July; but Reuter has not apprised us of the results in this case.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS PRE-OCCUPATION WITH POSSESSIONS, MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THAT PREVENTS MEN FROM LIVING FREELY AND NOBLY.—Bertrand Russell.

The No. 1 typhoon signal was hoisted to-day at half past eight.

There were four fresh cases of plague reported yesterday, two being fatal.

The total number of cases of plague reported last week was 17 (13 fatal). There were two fatal cases of small-pox, two non-fatal cases of diphtheria, three non-fatal cases of enteric fever and one fatal case of spotted fever.

Mr. D. M. Biggar, the popular General Manager of the Asia Banking Corporation, leaves here by the Golden State for Shanghai on Wednesday. He will act as the Shanghai Manager of the Bank and will return to the Colony after four months.

The gruesome discovery of the dead body of a man swinging from a beam in the basement of a warehouse at Wellington Street Central was made at 3 p.m. yesterday. The body, suspended by a rope, was cut down and identified to be that of a foki, 43 years of age, who for some time previous to his death had been of a morose disposition. The remains were sent up to the Central Police Station and from there removed to the Public Mortuary for a post mortem examination.

In Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court this morning a "boy" employed by Messrs. Banker and Co. was charged with stealing six dozen razors from the office. Things had been missing for a long time and the defendant was suspected and questioned. He admitted taking the razors and took the police to a house in Hin Hon lane, where five dozen and ten razors were found. He was given six weeks hard labour.

In Mr. Orme's Court this morning Mr. H. K. Woo mentioned the case of the Kwangtung Steamship Company, owners of the s.s. Taiming, charged with allowing the ship to be used for the transportation of illicit opium. Mr. Woo said the ship would arrive here to-morrow from Wuchow. The hearing was fixed for 11.30 a.m. to-morrow. Mr. C. H. Lyson also mentioned the case of the Kwangtung Steamship Company, owners of the s.s. Leung Wing, charged with allowing the vessel to be used for the carriage of illicit opium. The ship would be in port this evening from Wuchow. The hearing was fixed for noon to-morrow.

One hundred students will be selected from Kwangtung province to study in the Lyons University in France and those who have graduated from the Middle Schools will be exempted from taking an examination while others will be required to pass an examination before they are allowed to sail. It is estimated that the annual expense for each student will be about \$600, and if that is not sufficient a government subsidy will be voted to assist the students. It is expected that the students will sail for France under the supervision of Mr. Wu Chi-fei some time in August. After the students arrive in France, each student is required to study French for two years before he will be admitted into the University which will take him another four years to finish.—*Canton Times*.

Several thousand dollars and nearly 50 head of buffaloes were taken by a company of bandits who, after defeating the volunteers of a certain village near Samsui, completely looted the whole village. The villagers in the next village fearing that the bandits would raid their village in revenge dared not come to the rescue of their neighbours with the result that the bandits made their escape with ease. The raiders were first opposed by the village volunteers but owing to the lack of sufficient firearms and ammunition, the volunteers were finally overcome by the overwhelming number of bandits, and it was not long before the invaders entered the village in a body and did a very neat job of plundering.—*Canton Times*.

EARL ROBERTS'S HOME FORSALE. "Englemere," Ascot, the home of the late Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, V.C., is to be sold.

SHANGHAI RICE TROUBLE.**An Acute Situation.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, July 3.
The Municipal Council decided last night to refuse to negotiate with the rice dealers while the shops were closed. To-day all the shops in Chinese, French and International territory are closing making the situation acute. The police are prepared for disturbances.

THE INDUSTRIELLE BANQUE.**Statement by Singapore Manager.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Singapore, July 3.
The manager of the Banque Industrielle de Chine has made a statement to pressmen and has explained that French moratorium law proceedings are very different to bankruptcy or judicial liquidation, and included the possibility of carrying on under the supervision of legal administrators. Singapore is still awaiting full instructions from Paris.

JAVA SUGAR POSITION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Singapore, July 3.
Java Sugar is firmer and the Trust has sold 10,000 tons of the superior July and August crop at eleven guilders.

THE EVANS MURDER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Singapore, July 3.
There has been a further arrest of a Chinese coolie in connection with the Evans murder, regarding which one Chinese has already been committed for trial.

THE FOURTH AT SHANGHAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, July 3.
Shanghai defeated the Huron by ten to three in the Fourth of July Cup game.
British and French Consuls spoke at the American Club at noon. Mr. Strauss speaking at the Club pleaded for a bigger navy. Mr. Giles spoke for Britain.

MOTOR CAR SUMMONSES.**Reckless Driving.**

Mr. D. Davis summoned a motor car driver at Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court this morning for reckless driving at Wanchai. He said that shortly after two o'clock on the afternoon of June 21st he was on a bicycle going west along the Praya East when the defendant rushed out of a garage. He stopped as soon as he came out and Mr. Davis thought that he was going to allow him to pass in front. He was going to do this and he saw that the driver's attention was drawn to him by a boy who was a passenger in the car. When Mr. Davis was in front of the car, however, defendant started it going again and nearly knocked him into the water. He just had room to put on his brakes and jump off.

Defendant said he sounded his horn when he left the garage and he put on his brakes and tried to stop, but there was an incline and he could not do so.

His worship said he must have been going too fast if he could not pull up.

Mr. Davis denied that defendant sounded his horn.

Defendant said he moved the car when Mr. Davis was going round the front of it because he was on the tram lines and there was a tram coming.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Another Chinese was summoned for obstruction at Shek Tong Tsui. Evidence was given to the effect that at 1.15 a.m. there were four cars outside a garage at Shek Tong Tsui. Defendant pleaded that he was washing the cars.

His Worship asked why he could not do that in the garage. Defendant replied that it would make the garage wet (laughter). Fined \$15.

PLAGUE CASE AT VICTORIA GAOL.**Inquest On Prisoner.**

A fatal case of plague at the Victoria Gaol, was investigated by Mr. G. M. Orme, Coroner, and a jury at the Magistrate's, yesterday afternoon. The deceased was a Chinese prisoner who was serving a life sentence for murder.
Messrs Joseph Gardner, Walter Charles Shiner and Joseph Charles Tam formed the jury.
Dr. William B. A. Moore, Medical Officer of the Government Civil Hospital, stated that the deceased was brought to the Hospital at 8.20 p.m. on July 2nd. He was delirious and suffering from fever. He had a rupture in the left side and the glands in the groin were swollen. He died at 5.20 p.m. on July 2nd. A post mortem examination revealed microbes of plague present in the enlarged glands. The cause of death was bubonic plague.

Walter George Passmore, Chief Warder of Victoria Gaol, stated the deceased was admitted to prison on the 19th July, 1912. He was sentenced to death for murder but the sentence was later commuted to imprisonment for life.

Dr. Valentine, Medical Officer of Victoria Gaol, deposed that on the 30th June prisoner 644 (deceased) reported sick, suffering from fever, and was admitted into the Gaol Hospital. He could not make a diagnosis at that time but treated him for fever. On the 2nd July he again examined him and came to the conclusion that the rupture in the left groin was responsible for the fever. He noticed that the rupture seemed strangulated.

Replying to the Coroner, Dr. Valentine explained that a man might be suffering from an ordinary rupture and go through life without anything happening. On the other hand, there was always a danger of a rupture in the groin becoming strangulated, in which case an urgent operation was necessary. He was aware that the deceased was suffering from rupture for some time. It was the only thing that he could find to account for the fever. He recommended removal to the Government Civil Hospital in case an operation was necessary. He was taken there the same day at 6.30 p.m.

The Coroner: The doctor at the Government Civil Hospital has given evidence to the effect that the cause of death was plague. Can you form any opinion as to how he got it?

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Poets mainly fail because if they're no ignorantly revered they're unjustly ignored. For myself, I didn't care a curse about the first but in the case of the "Swastika" I wouldn't like it to be missed. Everybody should read that sweet little garland of verse. I've several reasons for my advocacy. First, it only costs a dollar (at all bookstalls) and what's a dollar? Again it's an education to the imagination albeit every line is simple and natural, and lastly, and maybe more important, I'm one of the "Swastika's" guarantors—and well, times are hard, y'ken. Buy the first copy, anyway. It's cover'll go fine wif' most anything decorative and it's a handy shape to sit the tea pot on for the wife's next teaparty. Besides, look at the kudos y'e'll get for being thought able to understand it.

There's been a lot a hard things said against the "Swastika" but never ye pay any heed to they ignorant folk. Public opinion inclines to the idea that poets are no' for this world and that they are something halfway between something else and little Lord Fauntleroy. But the production of poetry is an essential industry, just as essential as the production of ships or bamboo brooms. It's understanding is more important than the understanding of the laws governing our comradic life or the house shortage.

Other artists do not seem to suffer in the same degree. Painters are queer of course, especially when they canna' draw, but their works are tangible. Ye can see and feel their canvases and these framed products have been known to bring large sums—after the painter's been dead a while. Musicians are curious folks as well and sometimes wear their hair long but even they have been known to have something left over after paying their advertisement bills.

But wif' poetry—well I don't know. It never seems to pay does it? That's what makes me a bit doubtful about this "Swastika" book. I wonder if

PAWNBROKER IN TROUBLE.

Witness Fined For Perjury.
One of the cases at Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court this morning resulted rather unpleasantly for one of the witnesses. An ex-employee of the C. P. O. S. was charged with being in possession of stolen property, a counterpane, belonging to the C. P. O. S. About half past ten on the morning of the 4th inst. he was seen in a pawnshop trying to pawn a counterpane on which was marked C. P. O. S. Defendant said he picked up a pawn ticket and, not knowing what the article in question was, went to the pawnshop to redeem the pledge. When he found that it was a counterpane, he decided that it was not much use to him and thought he would pawn it again. Defendant was identified by the pawnbroker and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

The Magistrate to the pawnbroker: You said in your evidence that you could identify defendant as the man who originally pawned this article, but you told the inspector yesterday that you could not identify him.

The pawnbroker denied this.

The Magistrate: The constable said you told him the same.

This, too, was denied.

Mr. Lindell asked the pawnbroker if he could give any reason why he should not be fined for perjury.

The pawnbroker replied that he had no grudge against defendant.

Mr. Lindell: No, you are trying to save your own skin. Fined \$50.

Dr. Valentine: He could have contracted it in gaol.

The Coroner: Can you say how?

Dr. Valentine: He would catch it in the only way it is caught, by being bitten with a flea that contains the germ—a rat flea.

The Coroner: Is this the first case in the gaol that you have known?

Dr. Valentine: It is the first case in my time, but I understand it has occurred before.

After an Indian Warder had given evidence of conveying the deceased to Hospital and later identifying him at the mortuary as prisoner 644, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

The guarantee money was only meant for the first number. I sent them \$10.00 but they sent it back. I'd rather that they'd kept and cried quits. As it is, I don't know yet what my copy's to cost. Maybe if the "Swastika" has a good sale we'll get our copy free and a share of the profits into the bargain. In any case the next time I guarantee one of this literary pidgin I'm going to wait till the first number's out anyway.

I'd be easier in my mind if there hadn't been so much of the Walt Whitman stuff in you first set off. When I guaranteed the Editor from not going to jail for debt, I didn't guarantee reverence to the genius of our local poets or for that matter, intelligence on the part of their readers. I think he chose the wrong Walt anyway. Walt Mason is no so in comprehensible or stupid or both. Walt's fine. Listen to this:—

"Read helpful poets that fill the mind with gems of noble lore; in such steep books you will find the world's sublimest store. But if you read them all the time, your patience they'll exhaust, and you will think such books a crime, and noble lore a frost."

"If you would keep an appetite for thoughts from noble domes, you ought to read some fiction light between the stately tomes. Read Whitman till his sounding verse no longer thrills your bones, then buy and read 'The Tinker's Curse; or, Who Slugged Johnnie Jones?'"

"Read Shelley's essays one by one, until you're feeling bored, then buy and read 'The Poisoned Bun; or, Who Swiped Henry's Ford?'" The man who lives on bread alone will find that diet drear; 'twould do him good to gnaw a bone, or chew a rubber tyre.

The staff of life's the greatest treat that science can produce, but it should go with greens and meat, and prunes stewed in their juice. And so the works of guys inspired, like Whitman and that bunch, as steady grub are not desired—they finish up a lunch."

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ON THE WATERFRONT.

Cap Arcona with Coolies.

An interesting vessel on the list of expected arrivals at this port is the steamer Cap Arcona, which is bringing coolies back from the battlefields of France to several ports in China. The Cap Arcona is due to arrive here either late tonight or early to-morrow morning from Marseilles, via Haiphong. She carries 493 coolie passengers for the following ports: Hongkong, 72; Pukow, 321; Tongkou, 42; Tsingtau, 38.

The Cap Arcona is one of the German vessels allocated to France by the Reparations Committee for management and the French Government has temporarily vested the operation of the steamer in the hands of the Messageries Maritimes. Before the war she was one of the smart passenger liners of the Hamburg South America Company, but since her transfer to the French she has been on no particular run. This is her second trip to the Far East with returning coolies from Marseilles, but her first visit to Hongkong, and it is expected that her arrival in these waters will create some interest. Whether the Cap Arcona will be placed under the management of the M. M. Company for regular service to the Far East is not known locally. On her voyage to Shanghai and Pukow from Hongkong she will take passengers, it is announced. None will be taken to Europe, however.

The Cap Arcona is a vessel of 9,832 tons gross and was built at Hamburg in 1907 for her former German owners. She was one of a large fleet.

Still Going Strong.

A crack ship in the East India trade two score years ago, the steamer Hong Bee still is a serviceable steamer. Now, however, she is on the China Coast like many other old-timers and she does not command the respect that she held when she was "a fast liner to India" out of Glasgow, in the dim past. The Hong Bee this year reaches her forty-fifth year and a special survey of her being made by Lloyd's at Hongkong shows that she is in very good condition for her years. She is an old Clyde ship built of iron in 1876 by Messrs. C. Connell & Co., and her classification by Lloyd's is striking testimony of her "good birth" and seaworthiness. Her age is rather exceptional for there are in active service to-day really few vessels built so long ago. Before she came out to trade regularly on the China Coast and down to the Malay States the Hong Bee was renowned as one of the smart ships of Ellerman's City Line running out of Glasgow to Calcutta. Her length of service to the Near East was about 25 years, when, becoming out-of-date for this service, she was sold to a Chinese company for operation between China ports and the Straits Settlements. She entered these waters in 1901 and has been here ever since. With her change of field she took her present name—the Hong Bee. When she steams out of Hongkong harbour in a few days time in all her splendour of paint and a thorough overhaul, there will be nothing to denote her age, except perhaps her lines. The Hong Bee has a gross tonnage of 3,229, a great tonnage for the days in which she was built, and is 381.6 feet in length; beam 38.8 feet; and draft, 29 feet.

Surveyor on Leave.

Mr. J. Gardiner, surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping at Hongkong, is at present away in Japan on holiday leave. Mr. H. House, surveyor to the Register at Kobe, is relieving Mr. Gardiner, who will return to Hongkong about the beginning of August.

Arakan in Port.

The Rotterdam Lloyd steamer Arakan in the Java-Pacific Line reached Hongkong this morning from Panaroolan, Java, with a load of sugar weighing 4615 tons, all for discharge locally. The Arakan has an interesting history. About a year ago while bound from Java ports to San Francisco, the vessel ran ashore at Point Reyes, California, during a heavy fog and for some time the prospects of salvage of the vessel and her cargo was doubtful. Part of her cargo of sugar and rubber was jettisoned and the vessel was later refloated. The damage to the hull was fairly extensive, and the sugar consignments were practically ruined. Repairs to the Arakan were made at San Francisco, the vessel afterwards loading a bulk cargo of grain for Europe. This is her first trip to these waters since her stranding.

Motorships for Hongkong.

Four vessels of the fleet of modern motorships owned by the Danish East Asiatic Company are listed to touch at Hongkong within the next few months. Messrs. Manners and Backhouse, Ltd., agents for these vessels stated this morning that the Peru, will come into Hongkong at the end of this month on her way to Rotterdam, Hamburg and Copenhagen. At present this vessel is loading bean products and seeds at Vladivostok. Heavy shipments of steel and hardware are coming to Far Eastern ports on the Afrika, which is expected to arrive here about August 5. Later the Malaya and the Panama will arrive here, it is announced. The Malaya is the latest vessel added to the fleet, but little concerning her has been received here as yet.

Two Blue Funnel Ships Arrive.

This morning two steamers of the Blue Funnel Line arrived at Hongkong from overseas ports. The more important of the arrivals is the Helenus, which came from Liverpool, via Singapore. The vessel carries a good cargo for Far Eastern ports, the consignments for Hongkong totalling 650 tons of general merchandise. Also on board the Helenus were 369 Chinese deck passengers from Singapore. Parcel and letter mails to the extent of 187 bags were landed here also.

The other steamer is the Deucalion, which arrived from Keelung to load cargo for New York.

Investigating Collision.

Mr. R. Suzuki, marine superintendent of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha vessels at Hongkong, is still at Singapore superintending repairs to the steamer Indo Maru, which was damaged through being in collision with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer Yokohama Maru on the Malay Coast last month.

A "LUCKY" CON-TRACTOR.

What Might Have Happened.

Mr. W. Pryde, of the P.W.D., prosecuted Ho Sik Pang, the landlord of 21, Possession Street, in Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court, today for disobeying an order of the Public Works Department to take down the flank wall of 21, Possession Street.

The defendant said he had forgotten the matter. The Magistrate fined him \$150 and remarked that the defendant should consider himself lucky, for if the wall had fallen down it would have killed somebody, and he would have received ten years for manslaughter.

THE FIGHTING IN KWANTUNG.

More Kwangai Victories Reported.

Regarding the fighting between Kwangtung and Kwangai our Canton correspondent writes us as follows:—

The Superintendent of Maritime Customs in Luichow together with his staff have arrived and has reported that Hoi Hong city has been captured by Kwangai troops, co-operating with the mutinied soldiers. Most of the public offices were burned down. Most of the families of the military officials have returned to Canton with very little baggage and have reported that Linchow city has fallen.

Over one thousand wounded soldiers from Kochoh have arrived in Canton and are accommodated in sheds built on the north parade ground.

The Commander of the Tigris Forts has been ordered to keep a strict look-out and no Chinese gunboats are permitted to pass in or out without submitting to a search. Two battalions of police have been sent to assist in carrying out such work.

Sun Yat-sen, in view of the serious situation along the south-west front has asked General Chang King-ming to change his present strategem, by taking up the defensive in the middle, and to despatch reinforcements to the two wings.

An official report to the press states that Kochoh, Fabin and Limkong have been re-captured by the Cantonese troops and all Kwangai troops have been driven back to the Kwangai boundary.

Reports from the north front state that Tung Hung, the Commander of the 1st Division has been captured by the enemy who are now marching to Shuiwan.

The military authority has decreased the strength of the guards at the various Departments in Canton to provide reinforcements for the north, and to guard the railway against native bandits.

TRIED TO SELL OPIUM.

Handed Over to Police by American.

An extraordinary proposition was made a few days ago by a Chinese to an American businessman, who recently set up in the Colony as an exporter.

Reckoning perhaps, that he had a "greenhorn" to deal with, the Chinese approached the American at his office with the suggestion that the latter should buy from him \$15,000 worth of illicit opium, pointing out the handsome profits that could be derived from the deal. The proposition was heard with apparent interest, but a little later the shock of the native was great when he learned that a communication had been sent to the proper authorities for his apprehension. It needed only a few minutes for Chief Revenue Officer Watt to make his appearance and arrest the man.

It is learned that the prisoner is being subjected to an examination, the object of which is to make him reveal the whereabouts of the drug which formed the subject of his negotiations with the American.

TROUBLESOME CHAIR COOLIES.

Abusive to Passenger.

Two troublesome chair coolies were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning by Mr. J. M. da Silva, of 16 Lyndhurst Terrace, who charged them with using abusive language to a passenger.

Complainant told the Court that about half past eleven on the morning of June 6th he was standing at the corner of the Central Market and wanted a chair to take him home through Cochrane Street. He always went home that way and always paid 20 cents. He obtained a chair but the coolies jolted him and abused him in Cantonese. He met a European police sergeant who advised him to take the coolies to the Police Station which he did.

Inspector Cashman said he thought 20 cents was a reasonable fare.

The defendants, who denied using the expression of which Mr. da Silva complained, were each fined \$1 and were each bound over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months.

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"THE CHOICE."

A Clever Well-Acted Play.

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Mr. Charles Quartermaine, who took the part of the statesman in last night's presentation by the H.B. Waring Company, gave a really clever interpretation of the part, and Miss Jeannette Sherwin, as Lady Clarissa, was equally fine. The play throughout was presented in faultless style and a well-filled "house" showed its keen appreciation. Special mention should be made of Mr. Frank Vosper as Robert Dalman, the other members of the Company contributing to the success of the play being Mr. Frederick Annerley, Mr. C. Wordley Hulse, Mr. Christian Morrow, Mr. James Jolley, Miss Alys Rees, Miss Edith Smith, and Miss May Hallatt.

"The Adventures of Lady Ursula," the play to be given at the Theatre to-night is a beautiful example of the Georgian costume period with its atmosphere of brocade, poudre, duels and love. The Waring Company is said to be at its highest form in this play. There are some beautiful costumes in the production, Miss Sherwin as the beautiful Lady Ursula being seen clothed in the raiment of a boy. There is a strong vein of drama in the duelling scene and some delightful comedy. The Company is at full strength in this play and a good house should be registered. Plan at Hongkong Hotel until 7.30 p.m.

BRISK AS EVER AT 83.

Although in his 83rd year, Sir Arthur Channell resumed his duties as a judge in the King's Bench Division to assist in getting rid of the congestion in the lists. He at once plunged into the hearing of a complicated mercantile action as if he had never been a day absent from his post.

"BETTERING THEMSELVES."

Three Naval Men in Court.

The three naval men, James Magge, Robert Rose and J. J. Turtton, were again brought before Mr. E. E. Lindsell this morning.

Mr. P. C. Ferdue, A.S.P., said the Naval Secretary had acknowledged the men as naval ratings and was willing to take them over. He did not know to which ship they belonged, but he did not think that it was H.M.S. Carlisle.

Defendants said they were from the Carlisle.

His Worship:—Why did you desert?

One of the defendants:—We tried to better ourselves. You have worsened yourselves—Not when we're out of the Navy.

His Worship, said he should think it was not much of a life wandering about with no work and no money.

The three defendants were handed over to the Naval authorities.

COSTERS' PITCHES FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

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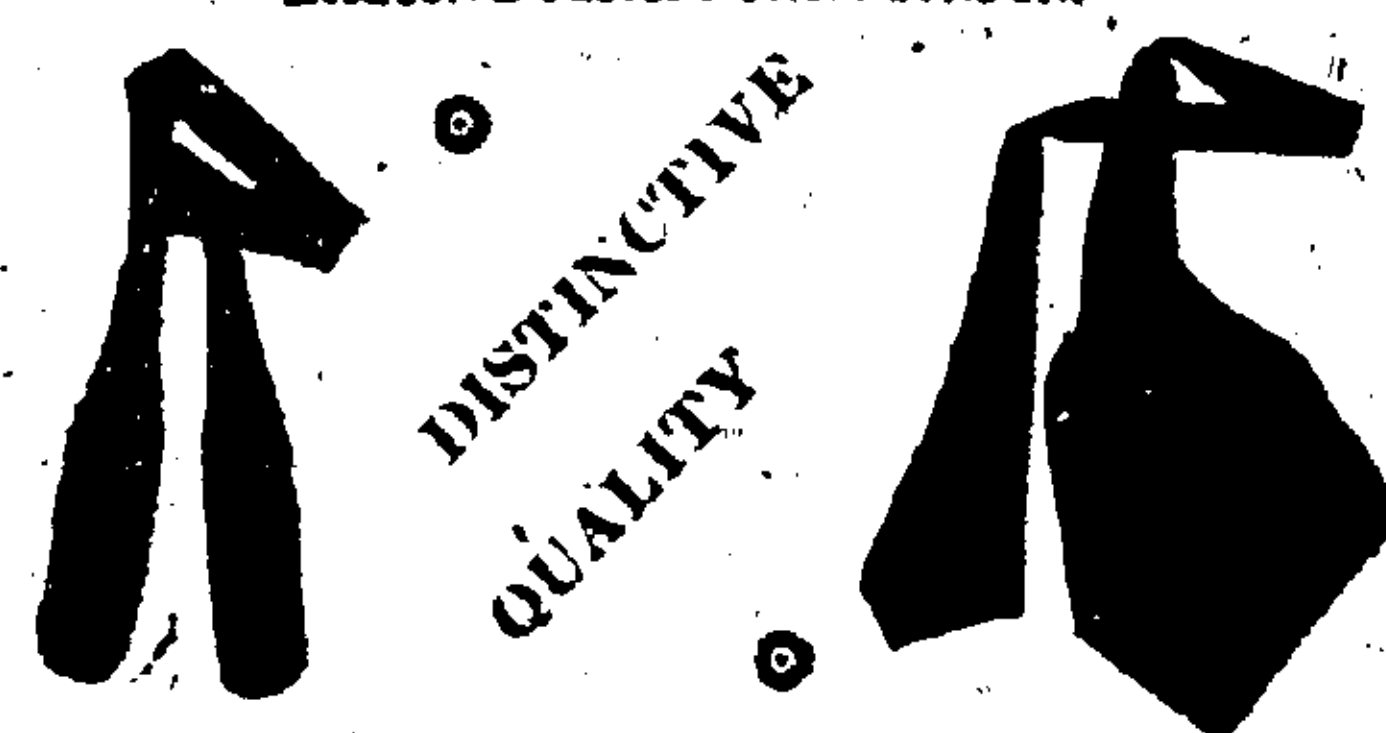
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CAMERA NEWS



General Leonard Wood, who is investigating Philippine conditions, will be a guest of the Japanese Government on his way home. He's shown here with Major Nishibara, war office, who extended the invitation when Wood stopped at Yokohama en route to Manila.



Miss Pearl Moy

Miss Pearl Moy, Portland, Ore., is holding the record for subscriptions secured in the campaign for the starving millions in China. An active organizer, she has gathered together scores of Chinese girls as campaign workers.



This is Livio Catenazzi, formerly a bricklayer, now a man of independent means. He won £20,000 in a big Italian lottery.



RUSSIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN FINLAND FROM KRONSTADT.

"The real losers in the Kronstadt revolt," is what this picture might be labeled. Above are three mothers and a father with children in arms arriving in Finland through the snow from Kronstadt, where the peasants tried to overthrow the rule of Lenin.



Mlle. GENEVIEVE FELIX.

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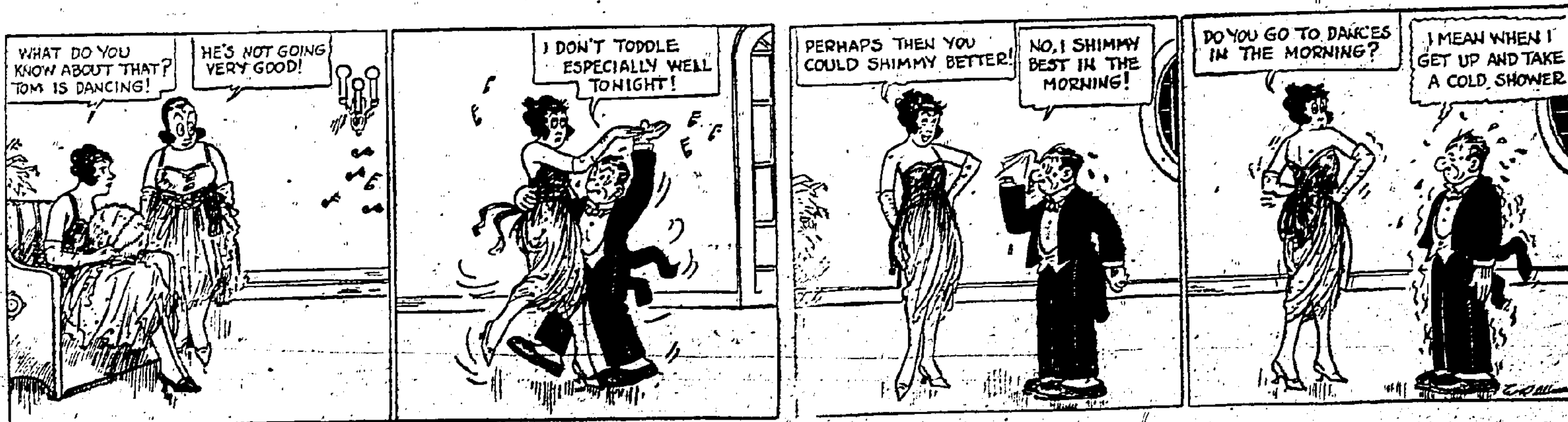


Herr Wirth, (Marked with x) addressing the German Reichstag.

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E. Japan	Sept. 20	Oct. 11	E. France	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
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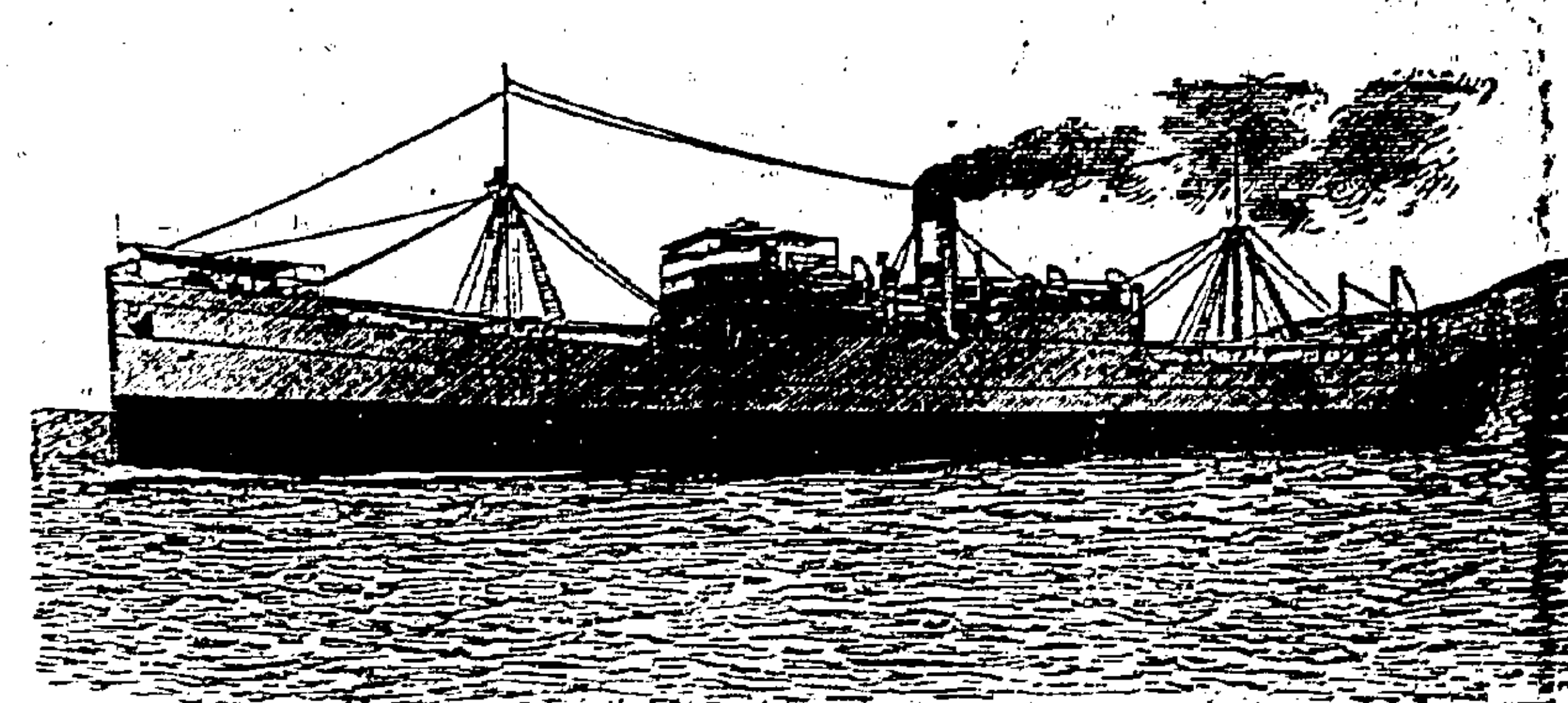
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SHAI & T'au via S'ow	Chopsang	Sun. 10th July at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Hopsang	Sun. 10th July at d'light.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Leesang	Sun. 10th July at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Loksang	Tues. 12th July at 8 a.m.
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SHANGHAI & PUKOW	Shanlung	13th July at noon.
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

BREAK OF GAUGE DEVER.

A device designed to overcome the break of gauge difficulty in being raised by the Government of New South Wales and Queensland, who are acting independently of the other States. Departmental experts are not very favourably impressed with the invention, but the responsible Ministers of the two States are determined to give it a good trial, the attraction being its relative cheapness as compared with other devices previously submitted. It depends on the principle of making the wheels loose on the axle and free to slide inwards or outwards to meet the requirements of narrow and wide gauges. The change from one gauge to another is automatic, the wheels automatically locking as they pass on to the rails of a new gauge, and automatically unlocking when the gauge is again changed. No additions to the permanent way are required except at points where there is a break of gauge. At the approach to these the lines are curved inwards or outwards from one gauge to the other, and for the length of the curve, about 35 yards, and additional rail is laid alongside the permanent rails to enable the flanges of the wheels to run in slots. As the rails draw closer together their pressure on the flanges causes the wheels to slide inwards to the new gauge, to be locked in position when the vehicle has reached the even gauge.

WORLD'S COAL OUTPUT.

The following figures show the world's total output of coal in some recent years.—A total production of 1,200,000,000 tons is recorded for 1913, and 1,000,000,000 tons for 1919. In 1913 the United States produced 309,000,000 tons, or 25.7 per cent. of the total, and consumed 435,500,000 tons, or 40.5 per cent. of the total. In 1919 the United Kingdom produced 287,400,000 tons, or 24 per cent. of the total, and consumed 299,300,000 tons, or 24.9 per cent. In 1919 the United States produced 490,300,000 tons, or 49 per cent. of the total, consumed 468,500,000 tons, or 46.8 per cent. of the total. In 1919 the United Kingdom produced 236,700,000 tons, or 23.7 per cent., and consumed 197,600,000 tons, or 19.9 per cent. The only other country to produce more than 100,000,000 tons in either year was Germany, with 190,000,000 tons, or 15.8 per cent. in 1913, and 108,700,000 tons, or 10.8 per cent. in 1919, the tonnage for the latter year being exclusive of the Saar and Alsace-Lorraine.

TRADE WITHIN THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Interest is being shown in London in the forthcoming visit of Canada of Mr. Benjamin Howell Morgan, at whose suggestion it was the Imperial Government appointed Permanent Imperial Trade Commissioners, and who is at present Chairman of the British Empire Producers' Organization. The object of Mr. Morgan's impending visit is to discuss with large producing interests in Canada a scheme for extending their markets in Great Britain and other parts of the Empire. It is feared that a number of industries in Canada have become entirely American in character, which makes it increasingly difficult for British enterprise to participate in them. It is understood that, with a view to stimulating inter-Empire trade, representations are being made to obtain effective preferential arrangements between Canada and Australia.

JAPANESE LABOUR TROUBLES.

Labour troubles are becoming more frequent again. In addition to difficulties in connection with the Sumitomo Copper Works, the employees of the Settsu Oil Manufacturing Co., the Osaka Publishing Co., the Fujinagata Dockyard, the Goto Cotton Spinning Co., the Murao Dockyard and the Asahi Dockyard Co., have submitted various demands to their employers; and, in some cases, the men have threatened to strike until their demands are complied with. All the above mentioned companies are in or near Osaka, and it is believed that the workers have been encouraged to take up a stubborn attitude by the recent success of the workmen at the Osaka Electric Light Works.

COSTLY FIRE IN FORMOSA.

A fire broke out in the gasoline warehouse of Ando & Co. at Takao, Formosa, last month, and was followed by the tanks exploding. The fire spread to the premises of the Standard Oil Company, whose tanks also exploded, the burning oil creating havoc. The damage so far is estimated at over a million yen.

